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A true NARRATIVE Of the Proceedings at the Sessions-house IN THE OLD-BAYLY.

Wherein is contained

The Tryal of the woman for committing that odious sin of Buggery with a Dog: And likewise of the man for Buggering of two Mares.

With the Tryal of the young Maid that Poysoned her Mother, a Maid, and two Gentlewomen.

And all other considerable Transactions there. With the number of those Condemned, Burn'd in the hand, to be Transported, and Whipt.

With Permission. *Ro. L'Estrange.*

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The Proceedings at the Seſsions for *London* and *Middleſex*.

ONe of the firſt and moſt talkt of Tryals at this Seſſions, was for ſuch an abominable Crime, attended with ſuch odious Circumſtances, as 'tis thought ſcarce any ſtory can parallel it, eſpecially in this our more Modeſt and Chaſter Climate, hitherto a ſtranger to ſuch unnatural wickedneſs; and we hope the Juſtice executed on this wretched Criminal will deter all others from any the like deteſtable Inclination for the future.

A married woman, lately living without *Cripplegate*, that appeared to be between thirty and forty years of age, was arraigned, for that ſhe having not the fear of God before her eyes, nor regarding the order of Nature, on the 23 of *June* laſt, to the diſgrace of all womenkinde, did commit Buggery with a certain Mungril Dog, and wickedly, deviliſhly, and againſt Nature, had Venerial and Carnal Copulation with him, *&c.* It was proved that the Priſoner was a perſon of a lewd Converſation, and lodging in a Room into

which there were several holes to look in at from the next house, they had often seen her in the very *Acts of Uncleanness* with Rogues that follow her; but one day one of the witnesses (a young woman) happening to cast her eye in, saw her use such beastly actions with a Dog as are not fit here to be recited: at which being amazed, she call'd up another woman, and after that a man, who all saw her several times practising this beastliness, and fully evidenc'd the same in Court, where the Dog was likewise brought, and being set on the Bar before the Prisoner, owned her by wagging his tail, and making motions as it were to kiss her; which 'twas sworn she did do when she made that horrid use of him. For her self she had nothing to say, but denying the fact, alleadged it was Malice in the Witnesses; which her Husband, who appeared in her behalf, likewise suggested; but could not make out any Quarrel or occasion of any such Malice in the least: whereupon, after full consideration of all Circumstances, she was brought in guilty.

Yet cannot the *Bearded Sex*, though pretending to a stronger reason, justly on this unhappy President, upbraid the *weaker Vessels*, or tax them with this dishonour: For the very next Arraignment was a fellow for Buggery of a Mare. The Evidence against him testified that they saw him in the fields beyond *Shoreditch*, on *Sunday* the 17 of *June*, amongst the Brick kilns drive a white Mare to a small heap of Bricks which he had laid together, and there use most unnatural and bruitish

tiſh endeavours ſeveral times; and after that to another bay Mare: but being neer Threeſcore yards diſtant, they could not make that direct and poſitive proof which the Law exacts; ſo that he was acquitted on that Indictment. At the Bar he behaved himſelf as one inſenſible, ſcarce ſpeaking a word for himſelf, ſave onely that he did no harm: He confeſſed he lately came from *Cranbrook* in *Kent*, where he had a Wife and three Children, to ſeek (as he ſaid) for work, and within three or four days after his coming up, was apprehended in this beaſtly action.

The laſt Seſſions an antient man, keeping a Victualling-houſe by *Weſtminſter*, was arraigned for ſtealing a black Mare; the Caſe was ſomewhat ſtrange: On the 9*th* of *May* laſt, between 4 and 5 in the Morning, a perſon leading this Mare, ties her to the Pales of this houſe, and goes in to drink, and after one Pot, goes away, pretending to come again preſently; the Mare ſtood there till four a Clock in the Afternoon: then the Victualler takes care of her, gets her Cryed, puts her to Graſs, and ſhortly after is taken on her back by the Owner, who thereupon Indicted him laſt Seſſions: Two men who ſaw the perſon that brought her thither, attending then to give Evidence on behalf of the Victualler, hapned to ſee and ſeize one in the Seſſions-houſe-yard (between the time of his Arraignment and Tryal) whom they ſaid was the man that brought the Mare; whereupon the Court being ready to break up, the Victualler's

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Tryal was put off, and this person taken into Custody. The Witnesses now spoke home that he was the man; but he absolutely denied it, endeavouring to prove where he was that Night; and several people of fashion attesting his former good Conversation, Credit, and some Estate; and it not being improbable but the Witnesses might mistake one they never saw but once, and then onely transiently, without any occasion to take particular notice of him, the Jury thought fit to bring him in *Not Guilty*, as likewise they did the said Victualler; and so (according to the Proverb) *The man has his Mare again*, and all is well.

A Carman, who unhappily run his Carr over a Childe in *Bush-lane*, was indicted for Murder; but it appearing to be by the Childe's accidental falling from a bench just as he was passing, without his seeing of it, or any default in him, he was acquitted.

A young wench was Convicted for stealing four small Gold plates off a Silver-smiths stall, whereof one was taken upon her.

A boy not above Eleven years old being sent by a Gentleman in his Masters house up stairs to fetch a pair of Pistols, not suspecting them to be loaded, and thinking to frighten the servant-maid, with flashing a little powder which was in the pan, discharged it, and thereby unhappily killed her, for which he was brought in Guilty of Manslaughter.

A Fellow being indicted for stealing a piece

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of Cloth out of a ſhop in *Cheapſide*, one of the Witneſſes was a Porter, who could not directly prove the Felony; the other that could have done it, was a young man who out of a fooliſh Bigotry refuſed to take an Oath: and after the Court had long endeavoured from Scripture and Reaſon to anſwer all his erronious ſcruples, finding him ſtill obſtinate, committed him to the Bail-Dock to be proceeded againſt and fined according to the Statute in that caſe provided. And his Maſter, who was bound to proſecute, being ſent for, he affronting the Court by putting on his Hat and the like inſolent Carriage, was committed to keep his man company till he ſhould finde ſureties for his Good behaviour; but in the mean time the Felon eſcaped, and wiſhes all the Town of this ſilly Religion.

An old notorious Offender indicted for breaking a houſe and ſtealing a flitch of Bacon and other things, for want of exact proof eſcaped thereupon; but it appeared he was lately tranſported on a Conditional Pardon, and had come over within the time to practiſe his Rogueries afreſh, whereby his life was legally forfeited.

An apprentice was indicted for ſtealing 80 *l.* from his Maſter; but it appearing that ſatisfaction had been already accepted, and that the ſum imbezilled was far leſs, he was brought in onely guilty to the value of 10 *d.*

A young man that occaſioned the death of a man neer *Bow* Church in *Cheapſide*, in laſt *Whitſon*-holy-days, took a tryal for the ſame. A woman

man that was in company with the perſon kill'd, ſwore that the Priſoner gave the firſt affront, by puſhing by the other as they met; but three others witneſſed, that the deceaſed firſt quarrelled with and beat the Priſoner, and being like to choak him with pulling his Cravat, after ſeveral intreaties to be quiet, the Priſoner drew his ſword, and without making any Paſs, as they were ſtruggling together, the man unhappily received a mortal wound; which was brought in Manſlaughter, and the Priſoner burn'd in the hand for the ſame.

There ſucceeded a long and remarkable tryal of a young Girl for murdering her own Mother by poyſon. The Proſecution was grounded wholly upon her own voluntary Confeſſion, and ſeveral worthy perſons proved that ſhe had acknowledged it to them; and alſo that ſhe four ſeveral times had endeavoured to poyſon a Lady with whom ſhe lived, though through mercy ſhe had recovered and was in health again: but that not immediately concerning the preſent Caſe, and the Girl denying the poiſoning of her mother now at the Bar, as likewiſe for that it did not appear that her mother was at all poiſoned, or any ſuſpition raiſed thereof, ſhe was brought in not Guilty.

There were in all Ten burnt in the hand this Seſſions. Two men and Five women (amongſt whom that Monſter who proſtituted her ſelf to a Dog, the reſt old Incorrigible Thieves) received ſentence of Death: and Three for petty crimes ordered to be Whipt.

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